

HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING - PREAMBLE

INTRODUCTION TO A FACT SHEET SERIES

There is a growing concern about the future of health services on Saturna, and in particular about the Medical Clinic and the funding that supports it. The Saturna community needs to address this issue so that we can proceed into the future assured that our Medical Clinic will be there when we need it.

A group of individuals and representatives of island organizations came together in November 2016 over a collective concern about the sustainability of funding for the Medical Clinic. The group, which calls itself the Saturna Sustainable Health Funding Committee, began exploring ways to ensure more stable funding for health service delivery on Saturna well into the future.

As context for its work, the group reviewed the array of health and well-being services offered on Saturna, with a focus on those available through the Medical Clinic. The out-of-clinic services, which complement and augment those offered from the Medical Clinic itself, range from Better at Home (a support program for seniors) and public access defibrillators to an annual flu clinic, and Saturna Island Rescue, which provides 24/7 emergency response.

After considerable research and discussion, the Committee is in a position to commence a discussion on the future of health services on Saturna with island residents. And so, to kick-start the conversation, the Committee has developed a series of Fact Sheets to share the information it has gathered and the preliminary conclusions it has reached with the broader Saturna community. The intent is to provide Saturna residents with baseline knowledge, making future consultation more focused and productive. The Fact Sheet series, thus far, includes:

Fact Sheet #1: About the Saturna Medical Clinic

Fact Sheet #2: The Need to Sustain Funding for the Medical Clinic

Fact Sheet #3: Options to Sustain Medical Clinic Funding

Fact Sheet #4: Health Services on Other Gulf Islands

This series of Fact Sheets will be posted on various island websites and distributed at island events such as Saturday markets and Wednesday recycling. Committee members will be present to hear your views and your questions. Collect all the Fact Sheets and have the full story.

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